MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR; ഏകദേശം 600 വള്ളങ്ങൾ കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: ഒന്നിലധികം വള്ളങ്ങൾ കമാൻഡിയർ ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് സപ്ലൈ ആഫീസിൽ സൂക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: സൂക്ഷിച്ചിരിക്കാം.

Commandeering of boats.

210. * MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether most of the commandeered boats go back to Cochin or Alleppey empty;

(*b*) whether the Government have insisted that it should be so;

(*c*) whether exceptions are allowed to such rule and if so, why and on what conditions; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that commercial interests are jeopardised to a great extent by the rule that the commandeered boats should return empty to their destination?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) & (*b*) No. To avoid delay some vallums are at times sent back to Cochin empty to help the expeditious clearance of food-stuffs from there.

(*c*) In view of the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this does not arise.

(*d*) No.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli cum Kartikapalli*): May I know from the honourable member whether the owners of the commandeered boats are held responsible for the misconduct of the boatmen?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. A. R. SULAIMAN SAIT (*Commerce and Industry—North*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the commandeering of these boats has affected the merchants who use private boats for taking their cargo to Cochin?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The question does not arise, Sir When only certain boats are commandeered by Government, the question of private cargo does not arise at all. But so long as it does not conflict with the Government's policy, the District Magistrate on Special Duty sees that private cargo is also allowed to be transported in these vallums to the extent possible.

Central Food Advisory Council.

211. * SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: With reference to the statement contained in the Memorandum (about increase in rice production) supplied to the recent meeting of the Central Food

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Advisory Council, to the effect that the surpluses declared by Provinces and States were insufficient to meet the stated defects, will the Government be pleased to state the latest figures regarding Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The question is not intelligible.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Communication facilities.

12. **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Muvattupuzha and Devicolam taluks are very backward in communication facilities when compared to other taluks and whether they will be pleased to increase the facilities for communication by completing the roads already begun and sanctioning fresh roads applied for by the public?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Estimates for new roads have been sanctioned and the works are in various stages of progress. Other road schemes are also under investigation as recommended by the P. W. D. Advisory Committee.

Bridge at Moolepilackal, near Manimala.

13. **MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the people have petitioned for the construction of a bridge at Moolepilackal near Manimala in Changanacherry taluk;

(*b*) whether any action has been taken thereon;

(*c*) the amount sanctioned hitherto for the same;

(*d*) the amount hitherto spent for the same;

(*e*) the nature of the work hitherto done;

(*f*) why the bridge was not constructed; and

(*g*) will the Government be pleased to immediately proceed with the construction of the proposed bridge?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) None recently.

(*d*) and (*e*) Do not arise.

(*f*) Owing to financial stringency for some years and now owing to the high cost of materials and difficulty in getting them.

(*g*) No, till the conditions improve.

Bridge on the east of the Kayamkulam Municipal Market.

14. **MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the bridge to the east of the Kayamkulam Municipal vegetable market is not unfit for traffic;

(*b*) if so, how long has it been in that condition; and

(*c*) why the work of repairing it is being delayed?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) The bridge is intended now for pedestrian traffic only, and is fit for that purpose.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

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